

it also helps many children excel in their studies.

Recent studies underscore what parents and teachers have known for a long time—that music education contributes to enhanced cognitive development, discipline, teamwork, and self-esteem. These studies indicate that music education dramatically enhances a child's ability to solve complex math and science problems. Further, students who participate in music programs often score significantly higher on standardized tests.

In kindergarten classes in Kettle Moraine, Wisconsin, children who were given music instruction scored 48 percent higher on spatial-temporal skill tests than those who did not receive music training. After learning eighth, quarter, half, and whole notes, second and third graders scored 100 percent higher on fractions tests than their peers who were taught fractions using traditional methods.

Gwen Hunter, a music teacher at DeSoto and Albany Elementary Schools in Indiana, recently wrote me a letter: "I feel strongly that the arts broaden children's creativity, self-esteem, and emotional well-being. Music is an area of study that builds cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills that can be transferred to other areas of interest. It caters itself to the different types of learners by offering opportunities for visual learners, listening learners and kinesthetic learners. Music education allows students the opportunity to develop and demonstrate self-expression."

Just this last February, students from 11 different sites in Indiana participated in Circle the State with Song. The event, sponsored by the Indiana Music Educators Association, began as an all day rehearsal and culminated in an afternoon concert. Janet Morris, who is a teacher at Royerton Elementary School in Muncie, Indiana, shared with me what some of the participants learned during the event.

Here are some of the statements they made:

I learned that when you put enough time and effort into something, it pays off in the end.

I learned how to work together.

I learned that music is so meaningful and powerful when everybody works together.

Music is really, really, fun!

I want to learn to compose.

I've learned how fun it is to perform for people.

Janet also shared with me one of her favorite memories teaching elementary school music. She said, "One of the best stories I have is of a 4th grade young lady who looked at me very seriously during a choir rehearsal one day and blurted out, 'I'm going to grow up and be you . . . I want to be a music teacher.'" Needless to say, I was almost in tears her emotion was so intense and I was so stunned that a child saw and shared my passion for teaching. This young lady is still planning on being a music teacher and probably won't let anything detour her. She is now in 8th grade and working very hard on her flute, piano and singing."

So, too, music education builds dreams. The symphonies of tomorrow begin in the classroom of today.

I want to thank Gwen Hunter, Janet Morris, Joe Poio, Keith Pautler, and Dr. Don Ester and all the music teachers in Indiana and across the nation for their wonderful contribution to the education of our youth. I especially want to thank my band teachers, Peter

Bottomly and Phil Zent, who served as good role models while I was in high school in Kendallville, Indiana. The discipline I learned while mastering a difficult instrument like the tuba, has served me well.

I would also like to thank all of my colleagues who joined me in introducing this resolution—Representatives CLEMENT, HILLEARY, KUCINICH, and ROUKEMA. Music education is an important academic discipline which can provide a deep, lasting contribution to a child's formal schooling and music educators are doing a terrific job.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JOHN TURNER

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2000

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional police chief from Mountlake Terrace, Chief John Turner. Chief Turner recently retired from law enforcement after twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the State of Washington. He was also the longest serving Chief in Snohomish County. As a law enforcement officer, Chief Turner has spent most of his life providing a sense of security and ensuring public safety for the community. He is a dedicated public servant, and the community wholeheartedly embraces and appreciates his tireless service.

Chief Turner, although leaving the Mountlake Terrace Police, will still be involved in the realm of law enforcement as the Executive Director for the Western Regional Institute for Community Policing (WRICOPS). WRICOPS, one of twenty-nine university/law enforcement collaborations funded by Congress, provides an integrated approach to community policing through training, technical assistance, and applied research. WRICOPS is based at Washington State University in Spokane, and serves the states of Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming.

Chief Turner has always been a visionary leader and has taken a pro-active approach as an officer of the law. He has a long legacy of encouraging community involvement by working with many community groups, elected officials, and citizens in an effort to improve public safety. He helped to establish the Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), created to stop the flow of drugs and drug-related crime into our counties. HIDTA, part of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, works to reduce drug trafficking in the most critical areas of the country by providing a coordination umbrella for local, state, and federal law enforcement efforts. He was also ahead of his time in notifying the public about registered sex offenders—Mountlake Terrace was the first police agency in Washington State to broadcast such warnings.

Finally, Chief Turner recognized the need to reach out to at-risk youth and give young people a safe place to spend their weekend nights. The Neutral Zone was created in 1992 as a collaborative effort between Chief Turner and the Edmonds School District. The Neutral Zone, a hugely successful program that has received nation-wide recognition, provides a supervised, drug-free place where young people can simply hang out and socialize on Fri-

day and Saturday nights until 2 a.m. Teens learn to develop positive relationships with peers and adults, and parents are assured that their child is safe.

Chief Turner is a shining example of a great police officer and a great community leader. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service, and wishing him well in all of his future endeavors.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RED CROSS BLOOD PROGRAM HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the American Red Cross Blood Program in my District in Pennsylvania. On March 9, the local chapter will celebrate 50 years of service to Northeastern Pennsylvania. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in the celebration.

It is fitting, during American Red Cross Month, to acknowledge the outstanding service of the blood program. In 1950, the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Blood Services was formed. By the end of the first year, over 21,000 units of blood were collected and the unit was serving 17 counties and 56 hospitals.

In 1979, the facility moved to its current location in Hanover Industrial Estates and expanded service to 19 counties in Pennsylvania and 2 counties in New York. Expansion continued when Bloodmobile Buses were included, taking the collection effort throughout the district. By 1999, the program included two bloodmobile units.

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that the American Red Cross is one of our nation's finest and most dedicated institutions, helping millions of people through disaster and difficulty. The blood program is a vital part of that effort. Currently the local chapter serves 1.5 million people, and in 1999, collected an unprecedented 87,600 units of blood.

Blood collection assists in the care of the critically ill, premature newborns, accident victims, surgery patients, and burn victims. Over 10,000 volunteers assist the staff of 200 professionals, currently led by Ms. Chris Rogers. The agency supplies blood to 41 hospitals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania. In addition to collecting blood, the Blood Center offers blood testing, including typing and HIV testing.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring this milestone anniversary of the American Red Cross Blood Program of Northeastern Pennsylvania to the attention of my colleagues. I send these dedicated people my sincere gratitude for a "job well done" and best wishes for continued success.